

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Max Schaldach, Daniel Lootz, Karsten Koop, and Curt Kranz

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

#### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

#### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee due is:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Total Fee Due:	\$790.00

#### PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee for this continued examination application as follows:

Charge Account 15-0450 the sum of \$790.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to Account 15-0450.

#### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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